

Holliday's Xmas

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Genre

Action/Thriller/Western

Logline

Framed for murder, Doc Holliday meets an Indian shaman who transforms him into a vengeful Saint Nicholas bent on delivering swift justice at the point of a gun.

Tagline

Beware! He knows if you're naughty or nice!

Short Synopsis

After the shootout at the OK Corral, **Doc Holliday** becomes a mark for every gun slinger riding into Tombstone. Accused of the murders of Federal Marshalls, his girlfriend **Kate** convinces him to retire. And like shadows, they vanish into the Sangre de Cristo Mountains in a blizzard. An **Indian Shaman** saves them from death and brings them to his village to heal them. After learning their culture, the Shaman marries Doc and Kate and drops them off in Noel, a quiet little town outside Taos, New Mexico. Taking up new identities as a carpenter and school teacher, the Nickolas' share their values to bring peace between the town's people and the nearby Indian pueblo. At Xmas time, Doc in the trappings of Saint Nicolas delivers gifts to the children and people of the two communities.

Then one Xmas, horror strikes as evil in the name of the law murders the town's sheriff and the pueblo's shaman. The shaman's dying words transforms Doc into a gun slinging Saint Nicolas. And as the spirit of Xmas, he delivers justice at the point of a gun like a revenging angel. After saving everyone Doc and Kate vanish as the US military descend on the town in search of the man that murdered American Federal agents.

But each Xmas, the town's people and Indians of a small pueblo in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains wake to gifts from Saint Nicolas and his wife Kate.

Rough Outline

- Two factions of gunfighters confront each other at the OK Corral, the Earp brothers Virgil, Morgan, and Wyatt along with Doc Holliday stand off against cowboys Billy Claiborne, Ike and Billy Clanton, Tom and Frank McLaury. During the gunfight Virgil, Morgan and Doc Holliday are wounded while Billy Claiborne and Ike Clanton save their hides by running away as Billy Clanton and both McLaury boys are cut down - dead. *(Billy and Ike escape to recruit more gunfighters)*
- After the gunfight. Wyatt and Doc put Wyatt's two brothers Virgil and Morgan in a buckboard and the three brothers head out to the hospital at Tucson. Doc's tough pioneer girlfriend Kate treats Doc's minor injuries so Doc can stay in town to keep law and order. *(this sets the stage for people to try and kill Doc)*

- Ike Clanton and several Federal Marshalls come into town with warrants for the arrest of the Earp brothers. They also have a warrant for Doc Holliday's arrest. They confront Kate in the town's saloon and molest her. *(it's clear from their accusations Doc will never be brought in alive)*
- Hearing Kate's screams a raging Doc storms into the saloon and him and Kate kills the Marshalls. Ike escapes. *(Ike escapes to bring more men)*
- Doc tinkers with the saloon door that was broken during the gun battle. He fixes it, even making it better. *(shows Doc's talent at fixing and making things)*
- A few days later, a winter snow storm moves into Tombstone just as Ike Clanton and the Army arrive seeking more direct justice. *(it appears it's just a matter of time before they kill Holliday)*
- With the US Army descending on Tombstone, Doc and Kate vanish in a blizzard in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains. *(Doc's a reluctant hero being forced into a new life journey – the reluctant hero)*
- Both near death from exposure and injuries, they are rescued by an Indian Shaman who brings them to his village and over several days restores their health. *(bonds with the Indians)*
- Doc and Kate are married by the village Shaman. *(represents the transition to new life)*
- Doc and Kate is brought to a church in Noel, a small town high in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains. *(Doc and Kate are in debt to the Indians)*
- Dropping the mantle of gunfighter, Doc and Kate dawn the disguises of carpenter and school teacher with a new surname, the Nicholas'. *(they embark on new professions to hide their identities)*
- Doc hopes to blend into the community, but his nature forces him to act at injustice *(can people change their nature)*
- Doc protects the Indians coming into town for supplies. *(shows Doc has morals and his commitment to justice)*
- Later Doc protects the people that had treated the Indians badly earlier. *(supports the idea that Doc believes in justice)*
- Kate works on the women and children of the town to help convince the men to make peace with the Indians. *(through example Doc and Kate show there can be peace between the two culture)*
- The community church puts on a Xmas play and in it Doc plays Father Xmas and Kate his wife. *(foretelling the future)*
- Doc and Kate slowly bring peace to Noel and the nearby Indian village by getting each group to care for things bigger than their own interests *(better to give than to receive concept).*
- A flyer of the Xmas play with picture of Doc reaches the outside world where Ike recognizes the wanted fugitive Doc Holliday.
- There are several scenes where Wyatt's brothers are gunned down back in Tombstone.

- Wyatt sees Ike with a posse leave Tombstone and head into the mountains. He finds they are out to hunt down Doc Holliday.
- Ike and a posse of Federal Marshalls come into town and murders the town's Sheriff and the Indian Shaman.
- Doc discovers the dying Shaman and the Shaman transforms Doc into a gun slinging Saint Nicolas, a combination of his past and present life.
- In the town's saloon, Ike and his posse run into Kate. They harass her. Suddenly, she's transformed into the garb of Mrs. Saint Nicholas.
- Doc packing a pair of six shooters busts into the saloon as Saint Nicolas. In a gun battle, Doc wipes out most everyone.
- Ike gets a drop on him but at the last moment Wyatt Earp shows up and kills Ike.
- Wyatt warns Doc that the Army's just outside of town.
- Doc and Kate take off into the snow storm.
- Wyatt stays for the Xmas play and pretends he's the person in the flyer when the Army comes in and shows the flyer.
- Late Xmas eve as Wyatt sleeps in the town's hotel, Doc as Saint Nicholas puts a gift in his sock, one of Doc's guns.
- In the morning the children wake to gifts and Wyatt stays on as town's new sheriff.
- We close on a little cottage that appears for a moment in a snow storm. We see a couple dressed as Mr. and Mrs. Saint Nicholas by a fireplace, then the cottage disappears back into the snow storm.

Characters

- ✓ Doc Holliday - male, 38, Protagonist
- ✓ Kate - female, 24, Doc's girlfriend/wife
- ✓ Ike Clanton - male, 40, Antagonist
- ✓ Wyatt Earp - male, 30, Gunfighter, Doc's friend
- ✓ Shaman - male, Old, Indian leader
- ✓ Winston - male, 45, Sheriff of Noel
- ✓ Virgil Earp - male, 36, Tombstone Marshall
- ✓ Morgan Earp - male, 28, Tombstone Deputy Marshall
- ✓ Billy Claiborne - male, 31, Cowboy
- ✓ Billy Canton - male, 35, Cowboy
- ✓ Tom McLaury - male, 27, Cowboy
- ✓ Frank McLaury - male, 24, Cowboy